



CHEBEAGUE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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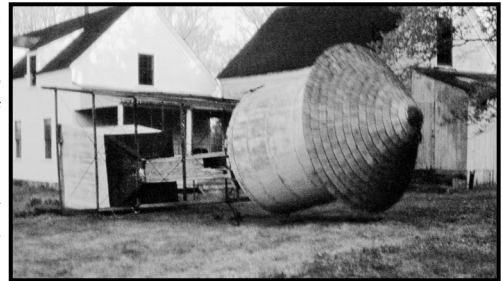
Let's find those artifacts!

The Historical Society was pleased to host a presentation by the Casco Bay Archeology Project on March 19th at the Island Hall as a follow-up to last summer's meeting concerning indigenous artifacts. The Project's founders, Thomas Bennett and Nathan Hamilton, announced that plans are underway for a field school on Little Chebeague next fall and that during the summer they will be evaluating previously identified sites on Chebeague. Representatives of the Project will be in contact with landowners of prospective sites. Several Chebeaguers brought in artifacts that had been found near their homes. One arrowhead was identified as having been created 3,600 to 3,800 years before the present day! This was a great discovery! A video of the presentation can be viewed at chebeaguehistory.com. For more information about the Casco Bay Archeology Project contact Thomas Bennett by email at: tbennett@cumberlandmaine.com.

MARCH MYSTERY PHOTO ANSWER



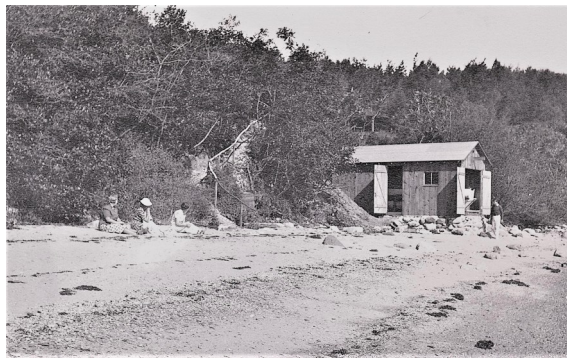
Carol Sabasteanski correctly identified the March Mystery Photo as the demolition of the Hamilton Villa's water tank in the 1960s. The accompanying postcard was taken from the Hamilton Hotel and shows



the water tank behind the Hamilton Villa as well as the Villa's windmill, which was located on the lot across the road where Michael Hamilton has a garden.

APRIL MYSTERY PHOTO

The boat house pictured here no longer stands. It is possible that some of the foundation rubble exists. The path to the shore is referenced on deeds to an unregistered cottage subdivision. Based on careful examination of the photo, it is possible that the path cut through an ancient indigenous shell midden. Where is it?



ELLSWORTH MILLER MEMORIAL LECTURE

We have all heard stories about religious cults and unscrupulous evangelists, but did you know that Chebeague was impacted by a charlatan and a con man in the late 19th century? Don't miss the next Ellsworth Miller Memorial Lecture when Donna Miller Damon tells the true story of *The Charlatan, the Con Man, and the Saint* on April 24. We appreciate Cap Leonard for his continued support of the lecture series. As a boy, Cap was inspired by the sea stories that Ellsworth Miller shared with him, which demonstrates how important caring adults are in a child's life. Join us on Monday April 24th at 7 PM on [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us). Meeting ID is 829 6247 6056. No password required.

Many thanks to our speakers at our March lecture on the topic: "Maine Fisheries: Past, Present and Future." The presenters were Alex Todd, 10th-generation fisherman and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association (MCFA), and Alan Tracy, President of Vessel Services in Portland and appointed At-Large Member of the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC).

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